

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I'm a registered Republican, but I believe in fairness and democracy.

When big media corporations get too much power, what happens is that honest reporting is jeopardized and special interests and profits determine what information the public is given. Since they use the public airwaves, they are legally obligated to serve the \*public\* interest, not their own. And the last thing that serves the public interest in an election is the airing of anyone's bias masquerading as objective information.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules so that the public's right to be informed, which is absolutely vital for a democracy to function, is never again compromised by the greed and dishonesty of some corporate executive.

Thank you.